

Current Claims Schedule

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A medical instrument holder assembly comprising  
2 a holder module base including  
3 a plurality of first tubes ~~defining first passages, each, each first tube~~  
4 having a wall with both an outer surface and an inner surface that defines a first passage  
5 having open upper and lower ends,  
6 a first web connecting ~~and supporting~~ the outer surfaces of the tube  
7 walls to support said first tubes in parallel spaced-apart relation so that a fluid can circu-  
8 late around and between said first tubes, and  
9 instrument supports at the lower ends of the plurality of first tubes  
10 for supporting medical instruments placed in said first passages while allowing a fluid to  
11 circulate through said first passages, and  
12 a cover for seating on said base so as to cover said instruments.
- 1 2. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 1 wherein the upper ends of the first pas-  
2 sages are flared.
- 1 3. (Currently Amended) The assembly defined in claim 1 wherein said cover includes  
2 a plurality of second tubes ~~defining second passages, each, each second~~  
3 tube having a wall with both an outer and an inner surface that defines a second passage  
4 having open upper and lower ends, said lower ends having substantially the same cross-  
5 sections as the upper ends of said first passages, and  
6 a second web connecting ~~and supporting~~ the outer surfaces of the second  
7 tube walls to support the second tubes in parallel spaced-apart relation so that when the  
8 cover is seated on said base, the corresponding first and second passages are co-linear.
- 1 4. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 3 wherein the second passages are longer  
2 than the first passages.

1 5. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 3 wherein the upper ends of the second pas-  
2 sages are smaller than the lower ends of the second passages.

1 6. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 1 wherein said base and said cover include  
2 interfitting surfaces which, when the cover is seated on the base, releasably secure the  
3 cover to the base.

1 7. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 1  
2 wherein said first web constitutes a top wall of the base, and  
3 further including a peripheral web extending down from said first web around  
4 said plurality of first tubes, said peripheral web consisting a side wall of the base as well  
5 as defining a seating surface for the cover.

1 8. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 7 wherein the said base also includes a plu-  
2 rality of keys which extend below said seating surface and are arranged to key into a sur-  
3 face underlying and supporting said base.

1 9. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 1 and further including connecting webs  
2 which connect at least some of said first tubes.

1 10. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 1 wherein said first web comprises a top  
2 web which extends between the upper ends of the first tubes and constitutes a top wall of  
3 the base.

1 11. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 10 and further including graphics formed  
2 on said top web and indicating instruments in said first passages.

1 12. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 1 wherein the instrument support means  
2 comprise bridges at the lower ends of the first tubes which partially occlude the lower  
3 ends of the first passages.

1 13. (Currently Amended) The assembly defined in claim 1 wherein the instrument ~~sup-~~  
2 ~~port means~~supports comprise a base bottom wall supported by said at least one first web  
3 so that the bottom wall is spaced below the lower ends of said first passages.

1 14. (Currently Amended) A medical instrument holder assembly comprising  
2 a holder module base including  
3 a plurality of first tubes defining first passages, each first passage having  
4 open upper and lower ends,  
5 a first web connecting and supporting said first tubes in parallel spaced-  
6 apart relation so that a fluid can circulate around and between said first tubes, and  
7 instrument supports at the lower ends of the plurality of first tubes for  
8 supporting medical instruments placed in said first passages while allowing a fluid to cir-  
9 culate through said first passages;  
10 a cover for seating on said base so as to cover said instruments, and  
11 ~~The assembly defined in claim 1 wherein the assembly further comprises~~  
12 an outer case, said case including  
13 a bottom section shaped and dimensioned to seat a plurality of said holder  
14 modules in closely packed together fashion, and  
15 a cover section engageable on said bottom section so as to cover said plu-  
16 rality of holder modules in the bottom section, said bottom section and cover section be-  
17 ing perforated so that fluid can circulate around and into said plurality of holder modules.

1 15. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 14 and further including retainers in said  
2 bottom section and/or said cover section for locating and retaining the holder modules  
3 seated in the bottom section.

1 16. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 14 and further comprising a presentation  
2 tray, said tray having an upper wall large enough in area to support a plurality of holder

3 modules, said upper wall including securement means for releasably securing said plural-  
4 ity of modules to the tray.

1 17. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 16 wherein the securement means include  
2 a plurality of indentations in said upper wall for snugly receiving the bases of said plural-  
3 ity of holder modules.

1 18. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 16 wherein the securement means include  
2 a plurality of keyholes in said upper wall, said keyholes being adapted to receive keys  
3 projecting from holder modules supported on the tray.

1 19. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 16 wherein said tray is collapsible.

1 20. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 19 wherein the tray comprises  
2 a plurality of sections, and  
3 interfitting surfaces on said sections for releasably securing said sections  
4 together.

1 21. (Original) The assembly defined in claim 16 and further including graphics formed  
2 on said upper wall indicating instruments in the holder modules supported on the tray.